

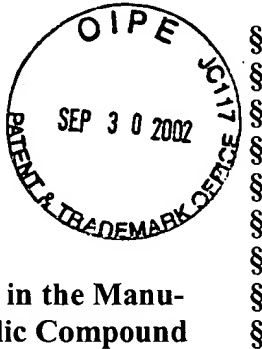
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
Taggart II, et al.

Serial No.: 09/304,298

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For: Removal of Salts in the Manu-  
facture of Phenolic Compound



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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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This paper is filed in response to the final action mailed July 26, 2002.

AMENDMENTS

Please cancel claims 23-39, 54-55, 63, 81-84, and 105-108.

40. (Amended) The method of claim 138 wherein said organic phase comprises an organic diluent at a weight ratio of organic diluent to said crude phenolic bottoms stream of from 0.45 to 0.6:1.

41. (Amended) The method of claim 138 wherein said organic phase comprises an organic diluent at a weight ratio of organic diluent to said crude phenolic bottoms stream of at least 0.45:1.

42. (Amended) The method of claim 138 wherein said organic phase comprises an organic diluent at a weight ratio of organic diluent to said crude phenolic bottoms stream of at least 0.3:1.

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